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Dear Dr. Henney:

I am deeply concerned about the FDA policy of allowing livestock farmers to use antibiotics in animal feed to promote growth and prevent disease. This practice is an excellent way to breed antibiotic resistant bacteria, some of which can infect humans. Given the sloppy means of dressing carcasses now prevalent in the meat packing industry, it is inevitable that some carcasses will be contaminated with bacteria, some of which are antibiotic resistant. Any of these contaminated carcasses when undercooked, can pass the organisms on to humans. Why take the chance? In Britain, use of fluoroquinolones on animals has already led to resistant *Salmonella*. Sweden's experience with the banning of all non-therapeutic uses of antibiotics in agriculture and development of a highly successful system of meat production proves it can be done.

I am writing to urge the FDA to ban human antibiotics in animal feeds.

Thank you for your attention to my concerns.

Sincerely,

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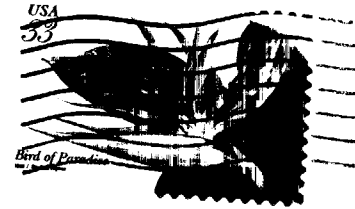
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